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1. AMBASSADOR ABDUR RAUF KHAN OF PAKISTAN MEETING WITH THE  
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AMBASSADOR ON FEBRUARY 1, MADE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS CONCERN-  
ING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES.

2. KHAN REPORTED THAT INDIAN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN IN THE  
MALDIVES DURING NOVEMBER 1976 TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY  
OF BUILDING A RESORT HOTEL AND ESTABLISHING A TOURIST  
COMPLEX AT THE FORMER BRITISH AIR FORCE INSTALLATION ON

GAN ISLAND. KHAN STATES THAT THIS PROPOSITION HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE MALDIVIANS. HE UNDERSTANDS THE BASE FACILITIES ARE BEING DISMANTLED AND THAT SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN AUCTIONED OFF AT MALE.

3. KHAN LEARNED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD OFFERED TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE MALDIVIANS. THIS PROPOSAL HAS LIKEWISE BEEN REJECTED. MINISTER OF FISHERIES HILMAY DIDI WAS IN MOSCOW A SHORT TIME AGO TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

4. IT IS KHAN'S VIEW THAT THE MALDIVIANS ARE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO BECOME TOO CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH ANY MAJOR POWER.

5. WHILE IN MALE, KHAN WAS SHOWN A LIST OF DONOR COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE LOW AMOUNT OF AID TO THE MALDIVES FROM THE U.S.

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